

--- 1/8th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 250 x 15 mm. ---

Lee Brandom should list the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/8th pound black strips as follows:

RP-657 - 1/8th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh - *dark tablets* - 250 x 15 mm. - 4½ mm. *red controls*
RP-658 - 1/8th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh - *white tablets* - 250 x 15 mm. - 4½ mm. *red controls*

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

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--- Recess printed by *rotary press* in **BLACK** ink - with *dark tablets* - 4½ mm. *red controls* - scanned at 65% scale ---

--- **RP-657** - *coarse roulette* - on *horizontal mesh wove* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” ---



RP-657 - 1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **0553640**, on *horizontal mesh wove* - 252 x 15 mm.

5290355	RP-657	1/8th pound, <i>coarse roulette</i>
9553640 ★	RP-657	1/8th pound, <i>coarse roulette</i>

The background on many of the tablets is so worn as to be almost indistinguishable. Obviously the above is not a *white tablet* strip. Does a true white tablet really exist? See below.



RP-658 - 1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **9056115**, with *white tablets*, on *horizontal mesh wove* - 251 x 15 mm.
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 2 - 26** in violet ink by “A. Bollard Tobacco”, Toronto

9056115 ★	RP-658	1/8th pound, <i>coarse roulette</i> , horizontal mesh wove, <i>with white tablets</i> , roller cancelled TOBACCO / 2-26 in violet ink
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Judging by dated copies in the other denominations, the *white tablet* “Series of 1897” strips were reprinted in 1918, after the “Series of 1915” had been in use. Possibly the Budget of 1918 tax increase caused this re-issue. They are not *remainders*, since remainders from 1897 would have had *dark tablets*.

--- Recess printed by *hand press* in **BLACK** ink - with *dark tablets* - 248 x 15 mm. - scanned at 65% scale ---

The collection *does not contain* a plain copy of **RP-657n** - the *coarse roulette* 1/8th pound *control-free* dark tablet strip. Judging by their shorter length, *control-free* strips (as shown by this plate proof) were printed by *hand press*.



--- **RP-657 PP** - 1/8th pound, black, *imperforate*, plate proofs mounted on thin cardboard - a pair - 248 x 15 mm. ---

Bill Walton reports that the Brandom catalogued **P-574** is a well-executed *paste-up*, and does not exist as a printed strip.



P-574 - 1/8th pound, *coarse roulette*, without controls or "Series" dating
Scanned from the initial Gestetner copy of the "Lee Brandom" pre-catalogue

--- **RP-657 DP** - 1/8th pound black die proof - "CANADA-F-56" - scanned at 100% scale ---



RP-657 DP - 1/8th pound tobacco, *imperforate* black die proof "CANADA-F-56" on heavy wove paper
A 251 mm. one-piece die proof - split in the scanner to show the details at 100% scale

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